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SIX MINUTEMEN, TROOPERS FIGHT

Invaders Meet Police Stakeout; 6 Wounded

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VOLUNTOWN, Conn. (AP) — Raiding Minutemen waged a gun battle with waiting state troopers as they descended on a pacifist camp early Saturday. Four of the raiders, a trooper and a woman resident of the camp were wounded.

The six invaders were arrested. State police, who said they were notified in advance about a planned attack on the New England headquarters of the Committee for NonViolent Action, were posted in the general area.

When the Minutemen were spotted, said State Police Commissioner Leo J. Mulcahy, "we identified ourselves and the firing began."

Arrested were six Connecticut men, described by Mulcahy as Minutemen—a group said the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be a "secret, extremist and anti-communist organization."

TRAINING GROUND

The pacifist center in this eastern Connecticut community is a training ground for pacifist activities.

The raiders—some of them managed to get into the pacifist center's farmhouse—were heavily armed, carried inflammables and wore masks.

Mulcahy said gunfire was exchanged with the invaders in the farmhouse who taped the eyes of two women residents. One of the women, Mrs. Roberta Trask, was shot in the hip by what one of the pacifists said was a "stray round of buckshot."

Mrs. Bradford Lyttle, the other woman, said at least one of the raiders was wearing a gas mask, and that another had a hankerchief over his face. The invaders all wore Army fatigue clothing, she said.

Mulcahy said his troopers staked out the area of the pacifist center after being notified by the FBI of a plan to attack the farmhouse headquarters.

"We had knowledge of what was going to happen," Mulcahy said.

NOT NOTIFIED

Norbert Carichner, 24, one of the pacifists, said the occupants of the center were not notified by state police about the stakeout.

He said the first indication of something happening came at about 2:45 a.m. when the pacifists' watchdog began to bark.

Then Mrs. Lyttle said, three men in Army clothing and carrying rifles with bayonets, invaded the farmhouse through a side door.

"I assumed they had come to destroy as many of us as possible," Mrs. Lyttle said at a news conference called by the pacifists hours after the incident.

All six men arrested were charged with conspiracy to commit arson and assault with intent to kill.